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**Subject:** Special April Letting for Recovery Act Projects

TO: Cities, Counties, and Consultants

CC: District Local Systems Engineers, ICEA Service Bureau,  
Office of Local Systems

FROM: Office of Local Systems

SUBJECT: Special April Letting for Recovery Act Projects

DATE: March 11, 2009

If you have a Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) or Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) construction, reconstruction, resurfacing or rehabilitation project scheduled for the Iowa DOT April 21, 2009 letting, and it will be funded in whole or in part with funds provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act), **please read this notice carefully**. If you do not have any projects fitting this description in the April 21 letting, this notice does not affect you.

In order to provide a better bidding environment for everyone and increased opportunities for participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms, the Iowa DOT will conduct a special letting on April 28, 2009. Approximately one-third to one-half of the HMA or PCC Recovery Act projects in the April 21 letting will be moved to the April 28 letting.

The Iowa DOT will decide which projects will be moved, but your input will be considered. Your options are as follows:

1) You may voluntarily move your project to the April 28 letting. This option has the advantage of providing an additional week to execute the Recovery Act funding agreement, which would be due to the Iowa DOT on April 14 for the April 27 letting. In addition, you may also move projects other than HMA or PCC Recovery Act projects.

2) You may request that your Recovery Act project remain in the regular April 21 letting. Preference will be given to projects that have been assigned a late start date in early 2009, have a large number of working days, or have been assigned either a large DBE goal or no goal at all.

3) You may choose to not indicate a preference. If so, the Office of Contracts will decide if your project will remain in regular letting or be moved to the special letting.

**Please respond as soon as possible to this request, but no later than the close of business March 17, 2009.** All requests should be sent directly to the Office of Contracts. For projects in Districts 1, 2, and 3, contact Krandel Jack at 515-239-1546 or [Krandel.Jack@dot.iowa.gov](mailto:Krandel.Jack@dot.iowa.gov). For projects in Districts 4, 5, and 6, contact Scott Hanson at 515-239-1274 or [Scott.Hanson@dot.iowa.gov](mailto:Scott.Hanson@dot.iowa.gov).

If you have any questions, **please do not reply to this e-mail.** Instead, you may contact me as indicated below. I will be out of the office for the next few days, so e-mail is the best way to contact me.

Sincerely,

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